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**By Executive Order the President has designated December 24, 2001 a federal holiday.
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on frozen hens and consumer sized toms steady to weak. Fresh demand for the December holidays was noted as generally being up to expectations. Frozen whole turkey orders, however, for the December holidays ranged from fair to slower than anticipated when compared to last year's numbers. Offerings of frozen whole turkeys were in a full range, mostly adequate to ample with toms the most readily available. Bulk meat trading was fair on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey, balance light. Some Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 95 cents delivered January.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fair on ground drum meat at 45 cents delivered for January export shipments, balance light. Inquiry continued to be noted from Mexico for prompt shipments and for Russia for Late December-January, 2002 deliveries.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	82-85
BREASTS 10-12#	135-145
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-77

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	68	68.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-71	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-61	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 DECEMBER 2001.

The undertone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak. Inquiry was light to instances fair. Sellers were mostly resisting the lower buyer bids for product to be stored for summer usage. Offerings were adequate to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. The undertone on wing meat, breast trim and scapula was barely steady at best for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) for current shipments, balance slow. Export trading was light and centered on tom drums. Some spot premiums were noted on frozen MST December export deliveries.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	28.69	174
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	28.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	35.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.32	62
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		F	31.93	188
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	13
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	135.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	141.00-142.00		141.67	120
THIGH MEAT		F	81.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	78.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.64	140
SCAPULA MEAT		F	119.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	120.00		120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	123.00		123.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	81.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.31	58
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.44	436
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-28.50		28.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	32.63	186
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.50	52
TAILS		F	28.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50		17.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	82.08	500

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.